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Inspectors	4
Captains	14
Lieutenants	22
Sergeants	56
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The following table shows the disposition of the above force, with the exception of the civilian employees and street railway crossing officers, for the 24 hours ended at 8 o'clock a. m., July 1, 1928.

This table is fairly representative of the disposition of the uniformed force for any 24 hours during the year.

Particular attention is invited to the total number available for patrol duty, which in the table submitted is as follows:

Automobile patrol	24
Bicycle patrol	18
Horse-mounted patrol	18
Motor-cycle patrol	49
Foot patrol (including sergeants)	529
Total	638

This figure represents the total uniformed patrol for the entire 24 hours, which period of time is divided into three shifts of 8 hours each, from which it will be seen that one-third of that number, or about 213, are on duty at any given time, affording police protection and service to a population variously estimated at 525,000 souls in an area of approximately 70 square miles.

It is submitted that the only equitable method for computing the number of police officers per square mile, or per unit of population, is the method herein adopted, namely, that of taking only the actual number of men on duty.

The out-worn method of using the figure represented by the total of the force for the purpose of computing the number of police officers per square mile of territory, or per unit of population, is improper and should be discarded.

	Sick	Leave	Suspended	Days off	Total absent	Detailed	Special duty	Reserve	Traffic posts	Drivers	Auto patrol	Bicycle patrol	Horse-mounted patrol	Motor-cycle patrol	Foot patrol, including sergeants	On duty above rank of sergeant	Total force
Headquarters and detective bureau	2	4	----	6	12	3	17	----	----	4	----	----	----	----	33	8	77
Traffic bureau	1	4	1	6	12	----	20	----	----	1	----	7	----	9	----	1	50
Woman's bureau	----	3	----	----	3	----	2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	17	1	23
First precinct	3	5	----	6	14	7	11	----	10	3	----	1	----	----	46	2	94
Second precinct	3	8	----	15	26	3	8	----	----	3	----	1	----	3	56	2	102
Third precinct	6	4	1	12	23	1	8	----	4	6	----	1	----	2	52	1	98
Fourth precinct	5	4	1	11	21	9	14	----	----	4	----	----	----	3	36	2	89
Fifth precinct	3	4	2	10	19	5	8	----	----	3	----	2	----	2	31	2	72
Sixth precinct	6	4	----	6	16	8	11	----	----	3	----	2	----	1	36	2	79
Seventh precinct	4	5	----	7	16	3	8	----	----	3	3	----	3	4	25	2	67
Eighth precinct	4	6	----	12	22	5	8	3	1	3	----	2	----	1	32	1	78
Ninth precinct	5	3	----	11	19	5	8	3	2	6	----	2	----	2	32	2	81
Tenth precinct	3	1	----	11	15	6	8	3	2	3	----	----	----	5	44	2	88
Eleventh precinct	2	7	----	12	21	2	8	3	3	3	6	----	9	5	22	----	82
Twelfth precinct	6	3	----	10	19	3	6	3	----	3	3	----	2	3	20	2	64
Thirteenth precinct	1	4	----	10	15	1	7	3	1	3	6	----	2	3	15	2	58
Fourteenth precinct	----	6	----	10	16	1	7	----	1	----	6	----	2	6	20	2	61
Harbor precinct	----	----	----	3	3	----	6	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	12	1	22
Total regular force	54	75	5	158	292	62	165	18	24	51	24	18	18	49	529	35	1,285
Street-railway-crossing force	8	5	----	----	13	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	50	----	63
Civilian employees	1	6	----	----	7	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	58	----	65
Grand total	63	86	5	158	312	62	165	18	24	51	24	18	18	49	637	35	1,413

In this, as in all other police departments, the assignment of a certain number of men to specialized work is essential to the efficient operations of the force and to the rendition of proper police service to the public.

As of June 30, 1928, there were 298 special duty and detail assignments in effect, as follows:

Lieutenants:	
Assistant to administrative assistant superintendent	1
Liaison officer with the Civil Service Commission	1
Night inspection service	2
Total	4
Sergeants:	
Night inspection service	2
In charge of motor vehicle service shop	1
In charge of traffic repair shop	1
In charge of storeroom	1
In charge of hack inspection service	1
In charge of central telephone bureau, detective bureau	1
In charge of special squads for enforcement of liquor and gambling laws	2
Special investigation, traffic bureau	1
Total	10
Privates—Clerical assignments:	
Traffic bureau—	
Clerks, station	3
Clerks, record	3
Clerks, general clerical work	3
Total	9
Detective bureau—	
Clerks, station	4
Clerks, auto squad	1
Clerks, record of arrests bureau	3
Clerks, bureau of identification	2
Clerks, office of chief of detectives	1
Clerks, bureau of lost and stolen property	2
Clerks, central telephone bureau	1
Total	14
Police headquarters—	
Clerks, personnel office	2
Clerks, uniform board	2
Clerks, assistant to property clerk	1
Clerks, storeroom	3
Clerks, file	1
Clerks, pay roll, equipment, etc	2
Total	11
Police precincts—	
Clerks, station	47
Privates assigned as patrol drivers:	
Major and superintendent's automobile	1
House of detention vehicles	2
Emergency reserve units	6
Police court van	1
At precincts and bureaus	44
Total	54

Privates—Miscellaneous assignments:	
Highway Bridge over Potomac River	3
Municipal Building (outside)	1
Patrol signal system (all stations)	42
Photographers, detective bureau	2
Examiners for permits at traffic bureau	8
Traffic posts (8 hours each)	23
Union Station (8 hours each)	6
Railroad station, Seventh and Virginia Avenue SW	1
Motor vehicle service shop	8
Special squads for enforcing the liquor and gambling laws	7
Enforcing liquor laws in precincts	15
Assistant hack inspectors	3
Precinct detectives	14
Police court van (guard)	1
Disbursing office (guard)	1
Tax collector's office (guard)	1
Police court (outside)	1
Police court (in cell room)	1
Police court (assistant corporation counsel's office)	3
United States attorney's office	2
Sanitary officer	1
House of detention (guards)	4
Printer, Daily Bulletin	1
Total	149
Grand total	298

Regular force

June 30, 1927:	
Available force	1, 281
Vacancies	3
Vacancy created by Congress July 1, 1928 (captain)	1
Full complement	1, 285
June 30, 1928:	
Resigned	21
Removed	21
Died	6
Pensioned	29
Retired without pension	1
Total	78
Appointments	78
Authorized complement	1, 285
Total available force as of June 30, 1928	1, 285

Street-crossing force

June 30, 1927:	
Available force	62
Vacancy	1
Full complement	63
June 30, 1928:	
Resigned	10
Appointments	10
Authorized complement as of June 30, 1928	63
Total available force as of June 30, 1928	63

DISCIPLINE

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, the department in its endeavor to maintain that rigid standard of discipline so necessary to the general efficiency of the force found it necessary to institute trial-board proceedings in 390 cases, the results being as follows:

Dropped either during or at the expiration of the probationary year for unsatisfactory service	1
Charges dismissed	93
Fined	166
Removed	20
Reprimanded and warned	9
Required to pay debt	34
Warned	65
Findings of trial board reversed	2
Total	390

NECROLOGY

The following-named members of the force, while in active service, answered the final call of the Master:

Deaths

Name	Rank	Date of death
Charles A. Evans	Assistant superintendent	Aug. 13, 1927
Edward S. Allan	Sergeant	July 31, 1927
Ignatius H. Ward	Private	July 1, 1927
Ernest F. Floegel	do	Jan. 7, 1928
James G. Helm	do	Feb. 11, 1928
Michael L. Hagan	do	Apr. 8, 1928

MALE AND FEMALE RELIEF

The department maintains a relief association consisting of a male and a female branch.

The benefits for the male branch are maintained by each member contributing the sum of $2 each month, a large surplus having been created through the medium of annual ball games and other events, so that at this writing the association is on a sound basis and is enabled to pay to beneficiaries the sum of $1,500 on the death of a contributing member.

The benefits accruing through membership in the female branch of the relief association are made up through each contributing member paying in the sum of 50 cents upon the death of a member, the total sum so collected, amounting to approximately $425, being paid the beneficiary.

The following is a table indicating the business of the relief association during the fiscal year covered by this report:

MALE RELIEF

Name	Beneficiary	Date of death	Number of assessment	Amount
Newton M. Stone	Ada R. Stone	June 24, 1927	608	$1,500.00
Ignatius H. Ward	Nettie B. Ward	July 1, 1927	609	1,500.00
Robert C. Dyer	Nora E. Dyer	July 26, 1927	610	1,500.00
Edward S. Allan	Joseph W. Allan	July 31, 1927	611	1,500.00
Charles A. Evans	Carrie V. Evans	Aug. 13, 1927	612	1,500.00
Henry C. O'Brien	Mattie A. O'Brien	Nov. 28, 1927	613	1,500.00
Frank P. Holmes	John A. Holmes	Nov. 30, 1927	614	1,500.00
William L. Anderson	Martha G. Weaver	Dec. 6, 1927	615	1,500.00
Charles E. Smith	Ollie C. Smith	Dec. 12, 1927	616	1,500.00
Ernest F. Floegel	Eva W. Floegel	Jan. 7, 1928	617	1,500.00
John T. Norris	Mary A. Norris	Jan. 16, 1928	618	1,500.00
Posey F. Hayden	Joseph K. Hayden	Feb. 6, 1928	619	1,500.00
James G. Helm	Lillian L. Helm	Feb. 11, 1928	620	1,500.00
John E. Preston	Mary M. Preston	Mar. 18, 1928	621	1,500.00
Michael E. Hagan	Joseph F. Hagan	Apr. 8, 1928	622	1,500.00
Charles D. Little	Katie G. Little	Apr. 13, 1928	623	1,500.00
William T. Clinton	Daisey A. Thomas	Apr. 16, 1928	624	1,500.00
Joseph W. Reed	Odd Fellows' Home Association, District of Columbia.	Apr. 18, 1928	625	1,500.00
John Broderick	Mary E. Broderick	May 20, 1928	626	1,500.00
Howard P. Short	Bessie E. Short	May 30, 1928	627	1,500.00

FEMALE RELIEF

Helen M. Davis	John A. Davis	Apr. 13, 1927	251	$425.50
Sarah Marr	William H. Marr	Apr. 18, 1927	252	425.00
Catherine French	James S. French	May 21, 1927	253	428.00
Jane Dailey	Annie S. Graham	July 18, 1927	254	428.00
Johanna Harlow	Nettie B. Smith	Aug. 30, 1927	255	425.00
Julia H. Whalan	P. J. Whalan	Sept. 16, 1927	256	424.50
Ruth M. White	J. T. White	Nov. 22, 1927	257	424.50
Rosa M. Embrey	W. O. Embrey	Dec. 5, 1927	258	422.50
Crescentia Kaucher	Theo. Kaucher	Dec. 31, 1927	259	426.50
Agnes Farmer	J. L. Farmer	Jan. 6, 1928	260	426.50
Rosa C. Wech	George Wech	Mar. 14, 1928	261	426.00

Statistics as to homicides committed during the fiscal year covered by this report, with comparative figures for the four previous fiscal years

MURDERS

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Murders committed	29	31	42	39	35
Arrests made	28	38	40	36	27
Arrests made for murder committed in 1921	0	0	0	1	0
Arrests made for murder committed in 1924	0	1	0	0	0
Cases in which no arrests have been made	2	1	2	3	8
Murderers committed suicide	3	2	0	2	2
Victims:					
White	5	8	7	9	8
Colored	24	23	35	30	27
Male	18	25	32	29	23
Female	11	6	10	10	
Committed by:					
White	5	9	6	9	
Colored	27	32	36	31	31
Male	26	35	36	35	30
Female	6	6	6	5	5
Means used:					
Arsenic	1	0	0	0	0
Automobile	0	1	0	0	0
Ax	1	0	0	0	0
Blunt instrument	0	2	1	1	1
Bottle	0	0	0	0	1
Brick	0	1	1	1	2
Carbolic acid	0	0	0	0	1
Cue stick	1	0	0	0	0

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MURDERS—Continued

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Means used—Continued.					
Cloth, strangled with	0	1	0	0	0
Gas	1	2	0	0	0
Fist, struck, causing death	0	0	1	1	0
Knife	5	4	15	5	6
Iron bar	0	0	0	1	0
Lamp	0	0	1	0	0
Pipe, iron	1	0	1	0	1
Poker, stove	1	0	0	0	0
Pick handle	1	1	0	1	0
Razor	1	1	0	0	0
Revolver	16	18	17	27	19
Shears	1	0	0	0	0
Shovel	0	0	1	1	1
Shot gun	0	0	1	0	0
Strangled	0	0	1	0	0
Stick	0	0	1	0	1
Thrown from step	0	0	1	0	0
Wrench	0	1	0	0	0
Crank handle	0	0	0	1	0
Neck broken by physiotherapist	0	0	0	0	1
Kicked in stomach	0	0	0	0	1

Status of the cases	As of July 1, 1927	As of July 1, 1928	1928
Guilty, murder, first degree; executed	0	3	0
Guilty, murder, first degree; to be executed	4	1	1
Guilty, second degree; life imprisonment	3	3	3
Guilty, second degree; 25 years	5	5	0
Guilty, second degree; 20 years	1	1	0
Guilty, manslaughter; 15 years	2	2	2
Guilty, manslaughter; 10 years	1	2	1
Guilty, manslaughter; 5 years	2	2	0
Guilty, manslaughter; 2 years 6 months	1	1	1
Guilty, manslaughter; Industrial School for Girls	1	1	0
Tried—verdict "Not guilty"	4	6	5
Ignored by grand jury	7	8	2
Indicted for murder first degree, pending	1	0	2
Indicted for murder second degree, pending	2	0	3
Indicted for manslaughter, pending	0	0	1
Held for grand jury—no action	1	0	1
Exonerated by coroner's jury	1	1	0
Guilty, murder second degree; 30 years	0	0	2
Guilty, manslaughter; 7 years 6 months	0	0	1
Guilty, manslaughter; 6 years	0	0	1
Guilty, manslaughter; 4 years 6 months	0	0	1
Guilty, 4 years' imprisonment	1	1	0
Guilty, 10 months' imprisonment	1	1	0
Ignored by grand jury	16	16	10
Indicted—no action	3	2	2
Nolle prossed	0	1	0
Held for grand jury—no action	1	0	4
Verdict—"Not guilty"	1	2	1

MANSLAUGHTER

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Committed for manslaughter	32	14	21	20	23
Arrests made	31	17	29	23	27
Arrests for death which occurred in fiscal year 1926	0	0	0	2	0
Victims:					
Male	23	18	13	12	18
Female	9	6	8	8	5
White	20	10	17	14	16
Colored	12	4	4	6	7
Committed by:					
Male	30	17	29	23	27
Female	1	0	0	0	0
White	15	13	18	18	21
Colored	16	4	11	5	6

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MANSLAUGHTER—Continued

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Means used:					
Brick	1	1	0	0	0
Cave-in of excavation	0	0	0	0	1
Elevator	1	1	0	0	0
Knife	1	0	0	0	0
Gas	0	0	10	1	0
Lamp	2	0	1	0	0
Motor vehicles	25	11	15	19	17
Revolver	1	0	1	0	0
Death caused by being forcibly held in chair	1	0	0	0	0
Struck with fist	0	0	1	0	5
Thrown from house	0	0	1	0	0

	1927	1928
Manslaughter charges in traffic deaths	17	17
Manslaughter charges in other deaths	2	5

VICE REPRESSION

The department continues its active campaign against gambling and vice, as will be evidenced by the following figures with comparative table for the fiscal year 1927:

	1927	1928	Increase	Decrease
Adultery	166	161		5
Fornication	874	659		215
Keeping bawdyhouse	6	1		5
Keeping disorderly house	245	302	57	
Pandering	2	2		
Soliciting prostitution	151	103		48
Vagrancy	632	832	200	
Violation of white-slave traffic law	17	19	2	
Making handbook on races	47	46		1
Setting up gaming table	128	188	60	
Permitting gambling	451	539	88	
Violation of antinarcotic law	56	36		20
Total	2,775	2,888	407	294

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAWS

From the following statistics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, with comparative tables for the four preceding fiscal years, it is evident that the department has in no measure relaxed its intensive campaign in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Through an arrangement with the Internal Revenue Bureau, 38 members of the force have been vested with authority as special prohibition agents. In each precinct one officer is especially assigned to the duty of enforcing the liquor laws, and in addition thereto there are two special squads, each in command of a sergeant, one of which squads devotes its efforts exclusively to the enforcement of the prohibition laws and the other to the enforcement of the prohibition and the gambling laws, these two squads operating immediately under the direction of the major and superintendent of police.

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
VOLSTEAD LAW					
Conspiracy to defeat the Volstead law	46	48	22	12	10
Illegal possession of liquor	1,828	2,949	2,943	2,820	3,614
Selling liquor	1,395	1,452	1,070	1,018	1,556
Transporting liquor	890	1,181	1,158	983	825
Maintaining a nuisance under the Volstead law	23	28	21	4	12
Destroying evidence in liquor cases	16	7	3	0	7
Manufacturing liquor	26	41	102	53	89
Illegal possession of still	3	9	31	9	20
Miscellaneous offenses	12	40	4	0	9
Total arrests for Volstead law	4,239	5,755	5,354	4,899	6,142
SHEPPARD LAW					
Intoxication	8,874	10,869	12,891	13,588	13,796
Operating a vehicle while intoxicated [1]	655	712	770	40	26
Drinking in public	186	232	161	115	131
Total arrests for Sheppard law	9,715	11,813	13,822	13,743	13,953
SEIZURES UNDER VOLSTEAD ACT					
Alcohol—gallons	1,571	2,478	1,058	602	1,896
Brandy—do	22	75	392	391	518
Benedictine—do	0	4	5	0	0
Champagne—do	7	6	13	39	6
Cognac—do	5	73	25	38	0
Cordials—do	75	0	0	0	0
Gin—do	1,083	573	271	203	273
Rum—do	11	27	8	6	51
Whisky—do	7,885	13,685	20,966	23,916	21,057
Creme de menthe—do	0	0	0	8	6
Vermuth—do	0	0	0	2	0
Cider—do	1,596	4,088	728	100	223
Wine—do	2,086	887	2,158	261	1,619
Total gallons liquor seized	14,341	21,896	25,624	25,566	25,549
Beer—barrels	0	20	27	0	0
Beer—gallons	0	0	1,196	82	80
Beer—bottles	4,162	4,485	5,130	13,420	19,048
Extracts—do	448	745	414	72	0
Mash—gallons	2,520	7,347	51,200	47,352	74,148
Stills	26	54	114	95	116
VEHICLES					
Bicycles	3	1	6	13	8
Motor vehicles	145	301	413	555	471
Wagons	2	3	8	6	1
Total vehicles seized	150	305	427	574	480

[1] Operating a motor vehicle while drunk is carried under traffic regulations.

General statement as to activities of the force as concerns arrests for felonies and misdemeanors, with comparative figures for the preceding fiscal year

	1927	1928	Increase
Arrests for felonies	4,439	5,113	674
Arrests for misdemeanors	86,924	97,820	10,986
Grand total of arrests	91,363	102,933	11,570

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The addition of 10 detective sergeants to the personnel of the detective bureau as of July 1, 1927, made possible the organization of additional separate squads for special investigations, namely, homicide and safe squad, the clothing squad, and the bad-check squad.

The results obtained have amply justified the action of the department in authorizing the establishment of such squads, which is evidenced by reports of said squads on file at these headquarters.

On January 1, 1928, a further partial reorganization of the bureau was made, three detective sergeants being designated as acting lieutenants.

Detective Sergt. Edward J. Kelly was designated as an acting lieutenant and placed in charge of the homicide squad, which squad, in addition to performing the duties for which organized, assists other squads and members of the bureau, as well as the precincts, in handling important investigations.

Detective Sergt. Joseph C. Morgan was designated as an acting lieutenant and placed in charge of the detective bureau from 4 o'clock p. m. until 12 o'clock midnight.

Detective Sergt. W. O. Embrey was designated as an acting lieutenant and placed in charge of the detective bureau from 12 o'clock midnight until 8 o'clock a. m.

Activities of detective bureau

Value of property reported stolen, including 4,166 automobiles	$1, 823, 385. 15
Value of property reported lost	78, 095. 50
Total value of lost and stolen property	1, 901, 480. 65
Value of property recovered	553, 966. 18
Total number of convictions	2, 333
Cases nolle-prossed	320
Cases dismissed	881
Cases pending or otherwise disposed of	624
Total number of arrests made by detective bureau	4, 158

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PROBLEM

The extent to which thefts of this character have grown is a matter of grave concern to this as well as other police departments. Five detective sergeants are assigned to the automobile squad and devote their entire time and attention to reports of thefts of automobiles, and the record established by the force in general and by this squad in particular is an enviable one, as will be evidenced by the following figures:

Number of automobiles reported stolen	4, 166
Recovered by automobile squad, detective bureau	1, 078
Recovered by precincts and owners	2, 761
Total recovered	3, 839
Automobiles reported stolen not as yet recovered	327
	4, 166
Arrests by automobile squad	639
Convictions	320
Cases nolle-prossed	52
Cases dismissed	136
Cases pending	131
Total	639
Value of property recovered by the automobile squad	$461, 102. 30

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

This bureau is a subbureau of the detective bureau and operates under the supervision and command of the assistant superintendent in charge of such bureau. The following is a statement of the work accomplished during the fiscal year:

Prisoners photographed, measured, and fingerprinted	2,220
Scenes of crime photographed	49
Scenes of accidents photographed	4
Unknown dead photographed	7
Photographs of criminals copied	73
Photographs of missing persons copied	5
Fraudulent checks, signatures, etc., photographed	10
Miscellaneous subjects photographed	76
Scenes of crime inspected for fingerprint evidence	385
Number of scenes at which fingerprints were found	99
Total photographs made:	
Small size	6,249
Large size	303
Photographs from other jurisdictions added to bureau	2,641
Fingerprint records added to bureau	5,434
Identifications made	808
Photographs and fingerprints forwarded to other jurisdictions	1,024
Identifications made by the Unined States bureau	99
Identifications made by other bureaus	188

SANITARY BUREAU

Four hundred and forty-seven persons were taken into custody by the police and held for mental observation, the following dispositions being made of such cases:

Certified to be insane by visiting physicians to Gallinger Hospital and transferred to St. Elizabeth's Hospital	128
Certified to be insane by physicians other than those connected with the hospital	2
Turned over to relatives and friends or discharged	283
Deceased	1
Pending	33
Total	447

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The traffic bureau is under the supervision and command of an inspector, Metropolitan police, who, under the direction of the major and superintendent, cooperates with the director of traffic.

The personnel as of July 1, 1928, was as follows:

Inspector	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeants	6
Special street railway crossing policemen	63
Privates	44
Civilian employees	3

Three sergeants are mounted on motor cycles and are assigned to duty supervising the work of the street railway crossing officers and motor-cycle and bicycle privates assigned to general traffic work.

The 63 special street-railway crossing officers, whose salaries are paid by the several street railway companies, are assigned to the various street-railway intersections for the regulation of traffic.

Fourteen privates are mounted on motor cycles; 10 on bicycles; 1 assigned to duty as a driver; 3 assigned as assistants to the public-vehicle inspector, who holds the rank of sergeant; 8 are assigned as examiners of applicants for operators' permits; and 9 as station, file, and record clerks. Of the 3 civilian employees, 1 is a statistical clerk, 1 a laborer, and 1 a janitor.

Perhaps the most important function of the traffic bureau is the examination of all applicants for permits to operate motor vehicles in the District of Columbia and the extent to which this work is growing each year is evidenced by the following figures:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1927

Applications received	30,434

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1928

Applications received	44,682
Increase	14,248

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, 10,740 such applications were disapproved after examination and test or both, and during the fiscal year 1928 12,225 such applications were disapproved.

The bureau also operates a headlight testing station for testing headlights, free of charge.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, 8,462 such tests were made, an increase of 3,391 over the preceding year.

It is gratifying to note the increased number of operators who are availing themselves of this free service.

Representatives of the traffic bureau test brakes on all automobiles involved in accidents or whenever an officer believes that the brakes of an automobile do not comply with the traffic regulations.

During the fiscal year covered by this report 461 such tests were made.

The bureau investigated 1,030 traffic complaints, character reports, and applications for special traffic signs; served 959 orders suspending or revoking operators' permits.

HACK INSPECTION SERVICE

On June 6, 1928, the commissioners approved a recommendation for public-vehicle stands and the regulations now in effect provide for approximately 875 public vehicles.

It is believed that if the regulations now in effect are upheld by the courts loitering, cruising, soliciting, and numerous other annoyances which are the subjects of frequent complaints by citizens will be reduced to a minimum.

ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES

There were 88 traffic deaths during the fiscal year covered by this report as against 78 deaths for the preceding year; 2,393 sustained injuries of either a serious or minor character, and accidents resulting in property damage totaled 1,958 as against 3,144 during the preceding fiscal year.

BOARD OF SURGEONS

The board of surgeons reports 8,018 visits to the clinic by members of the force and considers this indicative of the fact that officers are availing themselves of the medical facilities provided by Congress.

The members of the board of surgeons made 943 visits to the homes of members of the force on account of injuries and illness, and in addition to its duties in connection with the police and fire departments rendered like service on 343 occasions to members of the United States park police force and on 67 occasions to members of the White House police force.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

It is a source of much regret that the department, because of the extraordinary demands for police service during the past winter, was unable to open the school of instruction, but the said school will be placed in operation on October 1, 1928, and it is hoped that during the winter months approximately 200 members of the force will be enabled to receive much needed instructions in the fundamentals of police work.

WOMAN'S BUREAU AND HOUSE OF DETENTION

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, the woman's bureau dealt with cases actually involving 842 defendants, a decrease of 9 as compared with the preceding year. Of this number 248 were married females, 397 single females, 13 married males, and 184 single males.

The bureau received 2,580 complaints of which number 2,056 were adjusted, 98 are still pending, and 426 are on the inactive calendar.

Of these complaints 610 were from private citizens, 134 from neighbors of the persons against whom complaints were made, 243 from parents, 436 from relatives, 148 were anonymous, 385 originated in other branches of the police department, 342 with the woman's bureau patrol force, 94 from private agencies, 116 from public agencies, 63 from out of town agencies, and 9 from out of town police departments.

The complaints involved 843 persons under 17 years of age, 340 between the ages of 17 and 21, and 1,326 persons over 21 years of age.

The following is a tabulation of admissions to the house of detention during the fiscal year:

Under 17 years of age:	
White males	442
White females	88
Total white	530
Colored males	724
Colored females	129
Total colored	853
Total white and colored	1,383

Between 17 and 21:	
White females	112
Colored females	147
Total females	259
21 years and over:	
White females	443
Colored females	792
Total	1,235
Grand total	2,877

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based upon careful study of the present and future needs of the department, to the end that that character of efficient and effective police service demanded by the taxpayer may be rendered.

Due thought has been given to the growth of the city's population within the past few years as well as to the probable future growth thereof.

1. *Increase of force.*—I recommend, as a matter of most urgent necessity, the enactment of legislation providing for an immediate increase in the Metropolitan police force to a minimum of 1,500 patrolmen.

On page 2 of this report will be found figures representative of the total patrol force available for a period of 24 hours, which force, divided into three shifts of 8 hours each, provides a total patrol force actually on duty at any one time of only 213 men, in an area of approximately 70 square miles.

Police problems are daily becoming more numerous and more complex, and in order to meet and satisfactorily cope with the many difficult problems presented I deem an immediate increase in the force essential.

2. *Adequate compensation.*—It is my opinion that the character of service rendered by the police force of the District of Columbia should set the standard for all other American municipalities. If this most desirable condition is to be brought about, the salaries paid must be such as to attract men of the highest caliber, and to that end I recommend the enactment of legislation providing for an entrance salary of $1,800 per annum for privates, with a maximum salary after five years of service of $2,500, the salaries of sergeants and higher officers to be fixed accordingly.

3. *Increase of detective bureau personnel.*—I renew my recommendation to the effect that the personnel of the detective bureau be increased to at least 100 men, to be in two grades, 50 of whom should be rated as second grade or probationary detective sergeants, with additional compensation equal to one-half the additional compensation paid detective sergeants, their advancement to the higher grade to be dependent on the character of work performed.

This plan would enable the department to assign men to specialized work in various types of law enforcement, and at the same time leave available a sufficient force for such general assignments as are essential in the prosecution of the established work of the detective bureau.

4. *Increase in the motor-cycle force.*—I also renew my recommendation for legislation which will permit an increase in the motor-cycle force to a total of 150 motor-cycle privates, with the object in view of maintaining at each station a continuous detail of one motor-cycle officer fully equipped for immediate response to any emergency call.

5. *Legislation conferring on all members of the Metropolitan police force the powers of prohibition enforcement agents.*—I again urge, as a matter of real necessity, that section 28, title 2, of the national prohibition act, be amended so that members of the Metropolitan police force will have the same authority as other officers of the Government enforcing laws relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. In the Volstead Act we are confronted with the only statute of this character in force to-day in which it is found necessary to swear in members of the force as special agents of another branch of the Government in order to enable them to take proper action in case of violations of said act.

6. *Special appropriation for enforcement of liquor and gambling laws.*—It is most urgently recommended that the sum of $10,000 be appropriated solely and specifically for procuring evidence and in the payment of reputable agents in the enforcement of the vice, liquor, and gambling laws, the expenditures from such appropriation to be approved by the commissioners upon the recommendation of the major and superintendent of police, such legislation to contain a definite provision setting forth clearly the fact that any part of the appropriation may be used either for the purchase of evidence or for the payment of informers, both of which procedures are absolutely essential to even the slightest measure of success in securing a reasonably effective enforcement of the laws referred to.

7. *Transportation facilities.*—I renew my recommendation for increased appropriations for the purchase of high powered automobiles for assignment to the detective bureau and in cases of emergency to the various precincts.

The criminal has been quick to seize upon the motor vehicle as a means of increasing his efficiency, and surely the police department should be equally prompt in availing itself of all the methods offered by science and invention to circumvent the activities of the criminal class.

8. *Installation of teletype system.*—Attention is again called to the urgent need for the installation of a modern teletype system of intercommunication between headquarters and the various units of the department scattered throughout the city. In the conduct of the great mass of business the department has to transact with such units it is forced to make use of the tedious and ofttimes ineffective method of communication offered by calling each bureau and station, 17 in all, and connecting them on the same line running into the central bureau, the important messages being transmitted by word of mouth, copied by the clerks of the stations, and later transferred to the official dispatch books.

The installation of a modern teletype system would assure accuracy and provide for a more prompt and efficient service.

9. *Police control of clubs.*—I can conceive of nothing more important to the law-enforcement agency of any municipality than that it should have control of, and freedom of entry into, all clubs, whether incorporated or not.

A number of clubs have recently been established in the District of Columbia, admission thereto being restricted to so-called bona fide members, and while it is generally known to the police authorities that certain of such clubs are established purely for the purpose of gambling, it is difficult and in many cases impossible for the police to obtain sufficient evidence upon which to secure a warrant.

10. *Legislation to regulate the business of executing bonds.*—I urgently recommend the passage of House bill 52, Seventieth Congress, first session, which contemplates effective legislation to regulate the business of executing bonds for compensation in criminal cases, and to improve the administration of justice in the District of Columbia.

This proposed legislation, prepared by Mr. Gilbert, of Kentucky, will, if enacted into law and properly enforced, do much to eliminate certain features of the business of executing criminal bonds, which for years have been the cause of annoyance to the courts, prosecuting attorneys, and to the police.

11. *Enactment of legislation which will permit pawnbrokers to operate in the District of Columbia.*—I urge the enactment of legislation to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the business of loaning money on security of any kind by persons, firms, and corporations other than national banks, licensed bankers, trust companies, savings banks, building and loan associations, and real estate brokers in the District of Columbia," approved February 4, 1913.

Under existing law 1 per cent per month is the maximum interest which can be charged on loans of the character contemplated in the act of February 4, 1913, and it is of course utterly impossible for pawnbrokers to operate under said legislation.

President Taft, in approving the act of February 4, 1913, expressed grave doubts as to the wisdom of legislation which would, in all probability, exclude pawnbrokers from operating in the District of Columbia, but stated: "I am not satisfied, however, that pawnbrokers with sufficient capital can not do a legitimate business at the rate of 1 per cent a month. Companies of this kind seem to be successful in other cities. The subject is one in respect to which an experiment in legislation may properly be made, and if it turns out that 1 per cent is too great a restriction, Congress in its wisdom may increase the rate to 1½ or 2 per cent."

This "experiment in legislation" has been in operation since February 4, 1913, and the business of loaning money under its provisions has been found to be so unprofitable that those engaged in the pawnbroking business discontinued their operations and have established offices in a near-by State, and thousands of the citizens of Washington who are compelled to secure small loans, are obliged to pay an increased, and sometimes an exhorbitant, rate of interest, with consequent great inconvenience to themselves.

Any such legislation should, of course, carry a provision placing pawnbrokers under the direct supervision of the police, and compelling them to make daily reports of all business transactions.

12. *Police supervision of dances and dance halls.*—I renew the recommendation contained in report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, for the enactment of legislation defining the term "dance hall" and providing specifically that no license for such a hall or for any public dance should issue except upon the approval of the superintendent of police, and that no person should engage in the business

or profession of an instructor of dancing without first having obtained a license so to do; such license to be without fee and to be issued only after the applicant has established the fact that he is a person of good habits and morals.

13. *Vagrancy law.*—I again renew my recommendation for the enactment of an effective vagrancy law.

14. *Weapon law.*—I also renew my recommendation for the enactment of an adequate law regulating the sale, carrying, and possession of dangerous weapons. An examination of the records contained in another part of this report with respect to the commission of crimes of violence will clearly indicate the need for the passage of such an act.

15. *Automobile title law.*—I recommend the enactment of an automobile title law for the District of Columbia, the need for such legislation being obvious.

16. *Drug addiction and medical practice regulations.*—I renew the recommendation contained in former annual reports to the effect that legislation be enacted making drug addiction in the District of Columbia a felony, and that the medical practice act be amended so as to provide for adequate regulations of persons practicing as chiropractors and osteopaths and of all other persons who attempt to treat disease, injury, or deformity.

17. *Street-railway crossing policemen.*—I invite attention to the report of this department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, dealing with the subject of street-railway crossing policemen, which report contained a comprehensive outline of the various acts of Congress providing for the establishment and maintenance of the street-railway crossing force.

I again stress the need for legislation which will provide for the payment of the salaries of members of such force from public funds. The program of traffic light installation is going forward and will eventually result in the discontinuance of the services of these men at various street-railway intersections, and it is therefore important that immediate legislation be enacted which will prevent the development of what will undoubtedly be a most embarrassing situation.

The reports of subordinate bureaus and officials of the department not included herein are on file at these headquarters for reference, and appended hereto as a part of this report will be found certain statistics essential to it.

EDWIN B. HESSE,
Major and Superintendent.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, August 8, 1928.

ORDERED:

That on or before September 1, 1928, the head of each separate department and office of the government of the District of Columbia shall transmit to the secretary to the Board of Commissioners five copies of a detailed report of his department or office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928. Said report shall cover the operations of the department or office and matters of importance connected therewith, during the said year, with such recommendations for any changes in its service deemed advisable.

In preparing this annual report, the attention of heads of departments and offices is invited to the following directions, which must be observed:

1. The following reports will be combined in one financial report to be compiled under the direction of the auditor of the District of Columbia, namely: Auditor, assessor, collector of taxes, purchasing office, license bureau, and disbursing office.

2. Heads of departments will eliminate from their annual report all statements of estimates for the ensuing fiscal year and all financial statements, as complete statistics in this report will be included in the report of the auditor.

3. Heads of departments are instructed to reduce tabular statements to a minimum, giving summaries instead of details. The cost of printing tables is double that of printing in narrative form, and much economy could be exercised in reducing the number of tables and making them in a more compact form.

4. Certain extraneous matter not essentially a matter of report could well be eliminated, such as reports of subheads of departments, the substance of which could be included in the report of heads of departments; rosters of employees; lists of physicians; appendices giving specifications for work; obituaries of deceased employees and officials, and all matter not of an essentially important nature.

5. Indexes must not be used unless absolutely necessary but in lieu thereof a table of contents should be substituted.

6. No reports will be bound in anything exeept paper covers and the number of reports printed for distribution will be kept down to a minimum.

7. The appropriation for annual reports is $4,800, and this sum will be allotted among the various departments and offices when other appropriations for the fiscal year are allotted. Heads of departments will make requisition for the printing of their reports within such allotments and furnish copy for printing to the purchasing officer with such requisition.

By order of the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia.

DANIEL E. GARGES,
Secretary to the Board.

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases

FELONIES

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1928	1927
Abandoning infant	3	2	1		1	2	1
Abduction	9	6	3	3	1	5	1
Adultery	161	100	61	31	13	117	116
Arson	12	6	6	2	1	9	2
Assault with a dangerous weapon	308	36	272	75	21	212	210
Assault with intent to commit mayhem	1		1			1	
Assault with intent to kill	18	8	10	1		17	7
Assault with intent to rape	4		4		1	3	3
Assault with intent to rob	1		1	1			7
Attempt to rape	20	4	16	6	1	13	11
Attempted robbery	41	6	35	13		28	16
Bigamy	6	2	4	1		5	10
Carnal knowledge	38	12	26	2		36	34
Depredation on property of the District of Columbia	3	3				3	
Embezzlement	145	111	34	13	1	131	104
False pretenses	196	174	22	22	4	170	190
Forgery	136	92	44	8		128	200
Grand larceny	535	245	290	74	16	445	407
Housebreaking	937	308	629	53	24	860	762
Incest	1		1			1	
Larceny from District of Columbia government	8	6	2	2		6	3
Larceny from United States Government	19	5	14	1		18	10
Manslaughter	27	19	8	1		26	26
Mayhem	2	1	1			2	3
Murder	27	2	25			27	36
Pandering	2	1	1	1		1	1
Perjury	10	3	7			10	3
Petit larceny, second offense	1		1			1	1
Rape	24	10	14	3	3	18	13
Receiving stolen goods	70	21	49	15	3	52	34
Robbery	312	77	235	43	15	254	224
Seduction	13	8	5	6	1	6	4
Sodomy	2		2			2	1
Violation of—							
Antinarcotic law	36	32	4	1		35	54
Bad-check law	296	266	30	67	2	227	283
National motor vehicle theft act	3	2	1	2		1	1
Traffic law—Use or possession of a smoke screen	4	3	1			4	16
White slave traffic law	19	18	1	1	2	16	14

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases—Continued

FELONIES—Continued

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1928	1927
Violation of—Continued.							
District of Columbia Code of Law—							
Sec. 809. Procuring miscarriage	7	2	5	1		6	5
Sec. 814. Cruelty to children	2	1	1	2			
Sec. 815. Criminal libel	4	1	3			4	3
Sec. 819. Blackmail	10	10				10	1
Sec. 825. Depredation on fixtures in houses	442		442			442	1
Sec. 826b. Unauthorized use of vehicles (joyriding)	620	267	353	76	30	514	451
Sec. 836a. Possession of property stolen outside of the District of Columbia	15	6	9	1		14	2
Sec. 839. Mortgagor selling mortgaged property	12	10	2	4		8	3
Sec. 848. Injuring or destroying movable property	2	2				2	
Sec. 851b. Larceny after trust	300	171	129	92	10	198	139
Sec. 860. False personation	5	4	1	4		1	2
Sec. 861. Bribery	5	3	2	2		3	1
Sec. 863. Antilottery law	7		7	6		1	
Sec. 865. Setting up or conducting a gaming table	188	169	19	37	8	143	107
Sec. 867. Conducting three-card monte game, etc	1	1				1	
Sec. 909. Accessory to rape	1		1		1		
United States Criminal Code—							
Sec. 37. Conspiracy to defraud the United States	3	3				3	
Sec. 37. Conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States (national prohibition law)	10	5	5		5	5	12
Sec. 134. Witness accepting a bribe	1	1				1	
Sec. 148. Forging or counterfeiting United States securities	2	2			1	1	
Sec. 151. Passing, selling, or concealing forged obligations of the United States	15	10	5		5	10	
Sec. 162. Connecting parts of different notes or bills	1		1			1	
Sec. 194. Stealing, secreting, or embezzling mail matter or contents	7	7				7	2
Sec. 215. Using the mails to promote frauds	2	2		2			
Sec. 240. Shipping intoxicating liquors in interstate commerce and not marking them as such	1	1				1	
Other laws							17
Total	5,113	2,267	2,846	675	170	4,268	3,554

MISDEMEANORS

Affray	13	2	11			13	6
Assault	2,632	873	1,759	468	185	1,979	1,825
Attempted false pretenses	2	2		1		1	4
Attempted housebreaking	27	3	24	1	3	23	14
Attempted larceny	34	13	21	3	3	28	34
Attempted unauthorized use of vehicles	10	4	6	4		6	2
Carrying weapons	333	68	265	34	11	288	379
Contempt of court	247	125	122	8	17	222	262
Contributing to delinquency of minors	4	2	2			4	2
Cruelty to animals	20	9	11		3	17	15
Desecrating the United States Flag	2		2	1	1		
Desertion	31	28	3			31	38
Destroying private property	352	126	226	70	16	266	244
Destroying public property	28	23	5	11		17	17
Disorderly conduct	11,625	3,908	7,717	96	319	11,210	9,754
Failing to pay board bill	137	83	54	38	5	94	62
Fornication	659	183	476	12	34	613	848
Fugitives from—							
Board of public welfare	67	23	44			67	63
Gallinger Municipal Hospital	1		1			1	
Industrial schools	20	9	11			20	29
Insane asylums	50	41	9			50	30
Justice	556	366	190		20	536	506

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases—Continued

MISDEMEANORS—Continued

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1928	1927
Fugitives from—Continued.							
National Training School for Boys	17	12	5			17	22
National Training Schools for Girls	31	8	23			31	33
Parents	210	149	61			210	270
Held for—							
Internal-revenue officers	2		2			2	
Investigation	8,056	3,114	4,942		7,903	153	118
Mental observation	465	267	198		1	464	429
Military authorities	11	9	2			11	18
Naval authorities	2	2				2	1
United States marshal	176	115	61			176	157
Incorrigibility	68	17	51	1		67	60
Indecent assault	14	6	8	2	1	11	12
Indecent exposure	128	75	53	1	2	125	144
Indigent or dependent children	50	21	29			50	40
Keeping—							
Bawdyhouse	1	1				1	3
Dangerous dog	4	2	2		1	3	2
Disorderly house	302	114	188	24	11	267	228
Larceny by a trick	2	1	1	1		1	2
Nonsupport of wives and minor children	61	23	38			61	69
Nonsupport of bastard children	42	3	39			42	65
Nuisance	74	41	33	27	2	45	33
Permitting gambling on premises	539	277	262	39	7	493	426
Petit larceny	2,477	740	1,737	145	98	2,234	1,935
Profanity	2	2		1		1	
Selling tobacco to minors	1	1				1	1
Soliciting prostitution	103	19	84	2	9	92	127
Taking property without right	158	76	82	76	11	71	112
Threats of personal violence	607	275	332	219	58	330	309
Throwing missels	9	1	8		2	7	12
Trespass	44	24	20		3	41	42
Turning in false alarm of fire	12	4	8		1	11	45
Unlicensed dentist	1		1			1	2
Unlicensed physicians	2		2			2	6
Vagrancy	832	412	420	34	48	750	546
Violation of—							
Building regulations	28	17	11	7	1	20	16
Child labor law	1		1			1	3
Compulsory education law	2		2			2	1
Conditions of parole	2	2				2	
Conditions of probation	20	9	11			20	22
Dog law	145	37	108	2	3	140	108
Dog-muzzling regulation	127	50	77		1	126	123
Employment agency law	3	3		1		2	3
False advertising law	2		2	1		1	
Female employment law	30	28	2			30	18
Food law	2	2				2	
Game law	3	3				3	
Hacking law	91	77	14		4	87	60
Hacking regulations	112	88	24		1	111	87
Health regulations	405	342	63	15	2	388	388
Immigration law	6	6				6	3
License law	279	62	217	4		275	234
Migratory bird law	4	4				4	
National prohibition law—							
Sec. 3, title 2. Illegal possession	3,614	1,141	2,473	274	102	3,238	2,574
Sec. 3, title 2. Manufacturing	89	66	23	9	7	73	52
Sec. 3, title 2. Selling	1,556	399	1,157	159	48	1,349	860
Sec. 3, title 2. Transporting	825	354	471	75	50	700	888
Sec. 18, title 2. Selling means of manufacturing liquor	2	2			2		
Sec. 21, title 2. Maintaining a common nuisance	12	7	5	3		9	4
Sec. 25, title 2. Possession of property designed for manufacture of liquor	13	11	2	1	2	10	1
Other laws governing the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits—							
Sec. 65, United States Criminal Code. Resisting revenue officers, rescuing or destroying seized property	7	2	5		2	5	2
Sec. 3258, Revised Statutes. Setting up a still and failing to register same with collector of district	5	1	4			5	6
Sec. 3450, Revised Statutes. Removing or concealing property with intent to defraud the United States of tax	2	2				2	

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases—Continued

MISDEMEANORS—Continued

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1928	1927
Violation of—Continued.							
Sheppard law—							
Sec. 11. Drinking intoxicating liquors in public places	131	112	19	-------	4	127	110
Sec. 11. Drunk in public places	13,796	8,714	5,082	33	77	13,686	13,174
Sec. 20. Operating vehicle (other than motor vehicle) while drunk	26	14	12	3	2	21	26
Park regulations	121	114	7	-------	1	120	89
Pharmacy law	45	35	10	-------	-------	45	24
Plumbing regulations	43	23	20	1	1	41	11
Police regulations	1,545	1,064	481	50	36	1,459	1,410
Smoke law	134	133	1	1	-------	133	138
Traffic regulations—							
Driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs	389	276	113	75	39	275	472
Fleeing from scene of accident	349	192	157	49	30	270	271
Operating on revoked or suspended permit	97	48	49	5	7	85	-------
Operating without permit	1,923	917	1,006	48	33	1,842	1,323
Reckless driving	1,758	1,057	701	108	146	1,504	1,444
Speeding	7,153	5,713	1,440	38	73	7,042	4,948
Miscellaneous traffic regulations	30,596	24,028	6,568	163	306	30,127	26,260
Weights and measures laws	62	46	16	-------	-------	62	92
District of Columbia Code of Law—							
Sec. 818. False charge of unchastity	4	3	1	1	-------	3	3
Sec. 824. Unlawful entry on private property	26	5	21	6	5	15	2
Sec. 826a. Tampering with electric meter	1	1	-------	-------	-------	1	-------
Sec. 833a. Disposing of property bought on installment plan before same had been paid for	30	19	11	7	3	20	15
Sec. 847. Maliciously destroying trees, shrubs, etc	1	1	-------	-------	-------	1	84
Sec. 851. Forcible entry and detainer	9	4	5	-------	-------	9	2
Sec. 857. Selling fire arms to minors	3	2	1	2	-------	1	-------
Sec. 864. Permitting sale of lottery tickets on premises	1	1	-------	1	-------	-------	-------
Sec. 869. Pool selling, bookmaking, etc	46	27	19	7	2	37	38
Sec. 872. Indecent publications	2	-------	2	-------	-------	2	3
Sec. 879. Forging or imitating labels, etc	2	2	-------	-------	1	1	1
Sec. 896. Net fishing in Potomac River	1	1	-------	-------	-------	1	-------
Other laws and regulations	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	7
Witnesses held	786	502	284	-------	487	299	169
Total	97,820	57,471	40,349	2,468	10,253	85,099	74,972

Cases of all kinds

Precinct	White	Colored	Total		Precinct	White	Colored	Total	
			1928	1927				1928	1927
First	13,440	2,013	15,453	17,307	Eleventh	1,107	1,662	2,769	2,474
Second	3,181	7,763	10,944	8,075	Twelfth	1,847	483	2,330	1,606
Third	4,877	3,291	8,168	7,520	Thirteenth	1,850	652	2,502	1,572
Fourth	2,726	5,767	8,493	9,372	Fourteenth	1,872	765	2,637	1,872
Fifth	2,555	3,051	5,606	5,359	Harbor	50	72	122	155
Sixth	5,596	3,655	9,251	9,458	Detective bureau	2,497	1,661	4,158	3,594
Seventh	2,705	1,683	4,388	3,484	Traffic bureau	6,677	2,386	9,063	4,344
Eighth	1,672	4,062	5,734	4,053	Woman's bureau	507	335	842	851
Ninth	3,874	2,646	6,520	5,431					
Tenth	2,705	1,248	3,953	4,836	Total	59,738	43,195	102,933	91,363

Disposition of cases

	1928	1927		1928	1927
Fined and paid	56,057	46,595	Delivered to—Continued.		
Fined and committed in default of payment	8,213	8,505	Naval authorities	21	29
Committed without option of fine	2,398	2,362	Parents	387	369
Held for action of grand jury	2,619	2,223	United States marshal	495	485
Sent out of the city	15	29	Alabama authorities	1	
Sent to:			Connecticut authorities	3	2
Gallinger Municipal Hospital	519	453	Delaware authorities	1	
Industrial schools	62	69	Florida authorities	1	3
Insane asylum	53	37	Georgia authorities	4	7
National Training School for Boys	179	237	Illinois authorities	6	1
National Training School for Girls	36	52	Indiana authorities	1	
Dismissed (investigation, etc.)	10,423	9,843	Maryland authorities	199	211
Nol prossed	3,143	2,994	Massachusetts authorities	6	3
Not disposed of	7,586	6,522	Minnesota authorities	1	
Personal bonds taken	7,301	7,872	New Jersey authorities	8	4
Placed under bonds	87	97	New York authorities	4	7
Placed on probation	1,347	1,403	North Carolina authorities	16	7
Sentence suspended	1,060	479	Ohio authorities	2	3
Delivered to:			Pennsylvania authorities	11	18
Board of Public Welfare	351	171	Tennessee authorities	1	3
Immigration authorities	4	4	Virginia authorities	140	110
Internal revenue officers	2		West Virginia authorities	2	
Military authorities	165	143	Other institutions and jurisdictions		11
			Total	102,933	91,363

Classification of those charged with cases

	1928	1927
White	59,738	53,302
Colored	43,195	38,061
Total	102,933	91,363
Males	91,512	81,322
Females	11,421	10,041
Total	102,933	91,363
Able to read and write	101,305	89,741
Unable to read and write	1,628	1,622
Total	102,933	91,363
Males:		
Married	50,083	44,399
Single	41,429	36,923
Females:		
Married	6,379	5,562
Single	5,042	4,479
Total	102,933	91,363

Cases of all kinds, by precinct, with age limit and color

Precinct	Under 17 years of age		Over 17 and under 21 years of age		Over 21 years of age		Total	
	White	Colored	White	Colored	White	Colored	1928	1927
First	116	71	1,024	197	12,300	1,745	15,453	17,307
Second	12	190	199	728	2,970	6,845	10,944	8,075
Third	39	146	344	315	4,494	2,830	8,168	7,520
Fourth	47	165	223	760	2,456	4,842	8,493	9,372
Fifth	72	108	284	354	2,199	2,589	5,606	5,359
Sixth	84	92	258	296	5,254	3,267	9,251	9,458
Seventh	59	59	466	174	2,180	1,450	4,388	3,484
Eighth	27	171	137	426	1,508	3,465	5,734	4,053
Ninth	113	159	387	317	3,374	2,170	6,520	5,431
Tenth	83	80	281	122	2,341	1,046	3,953	4,836
Eleventh	24	73	163	273	920	1,316	2,769	2,474
Twelfth	31	15	230	54	1,586	414	2,330	1,606
Thirteenth	50	24	289	98	1,511	530	2,502	1,572
Fourteenth	47	26	289	97	1,536	642	2,637	1,872
Harbor	2	4	4	6	44	62	122	155
Detective bureau	149	220	230	206	2,118	1,235	4,158	3,594
Traffic bureau	47	23	860	239	5,770	2,124	9,063	4,344
Woman's bureau	153	192	73	41	281	102	842	851
Total	1,155	1,818	5,741	4,703	52,842	36,674	102,933	91,363

Percentage of cases

	1928	1927
White	58.04	58.34
Colored	41.96	41.66
Convictions (exclusive of those held for investigation and as witnesses)	94.14	94.19
Acquittals	2.52	2.22
Cases nol. prossed	3.34	3.59

Estimated value of losses and recoveries

	1928	1927
Property stolen	$1,823,385.15	$1,402,102.86
Property lost or mislaid	78,095.50	75,983.33
Total	1,901,480.65	1,478,086.19
Property recovered:		
Reported stolen	1,474,604.08	1,303,837.49
Reported lost or mislaid	15,585.84	9,884.03
Not reported stolen, lost, or mislaid	59,468.24	106,698.62
Used as evidence	25,091.01	14,358.53
Belonging to persons alleged to be of unsound mind	8,032.19	9,444.46
Effects of deceased persons	14,171.69	17,343.08
Stolen in other jurisdictions	5,964.69	10,382.00
Total delivered to property clerk for disposition according to law	1,602,917.74	1,471,948.21
Returned to owners:		
Automobiles	193,876.50	211,122.00
Horses, wagons, boats, etc	3,990.00	4,515.00
Miscellaneous articles	4,747.69	13,380.56
Total delivered to claimants	202,614.37	229,017.56
Total value of property recovered by the department	1,805,532.11	1,700,965.77
Value of property recovered by owners	76,864.00	64,670.00
Grand total recovered	1,882,396.11	1,765,635.77

Estimated value of money and valuables recovered

	1928	1927
Returned to owners	$202,614.37	$229,017.56
Delivered to property clerk	1,602,917.74	1,471,948.21
Delivered to poundmaster	475.00	215.00
Delivered to agents of Internal Revenue Bureau (prohibition enforcement unit)	121,368.20	176,000.65
Taken from prisoners and returned, orders of officer in charge	988,797.18	940,288.89
Collateral delivered to collector at police court	683,762.00	686,289.00
Collateral delivered to clerk at juvenile court	2,166.00	1,530.00
Collected in "nonsupport" cases and delivered to clerk at juvenile court	45,784.02	38,665.81
Total	3,647,884.51	3,543,955.12

Arrests by officers mounted on bicycles and motor cycles

	Arrests	Fines imposed
1924	21,580	$168,959
1925	19,671	172,861
1926	19,914	154,686
1927	18,643	131,797
1928	26,194	151,820

Miscellaneous reports

	1928	1927		1928	1927
Abandoned infants found	3	6	Found sick on street	814	990
Accidents reported	11,392	11,061	Fountains damaged	15	
Animals found astray	39	156	Homicides	42	41
Animals delivered to poundmaster	132	54	Hydrants damaged	30	41
Animals delivered to property clerk	4		Inquests attended	211	169
Attempted suicides	280	229	Lamps damaged	1,139	1,220
Back gates found open	457	448	Lamps not lighted:		
Damaged trees and boxes	1,325	1,315	Electric	9,511	12,025
Dangerous bridges	15	9	Gas	2,620	3,369
Dangerous buildings	50	55	Lost children found	111	123
Dangerous holes in roadway	6,886	7,850	Permits examined:		
Dangerous or broken pavements	3,516	3,090	Building	2,450	2,633
Dead animals reported	4,972	4,839	Miscellaneous	4,561	5,064
Dead bodies found	42	55	Rescued from drowning	13	1
Dead infants found	55	45	Sewers:		
Deaths (coroner notified—no inquest)	402	400	Damaged	198	231
Doors and windows found open	1,209	937	Filthy	120	163
Drowned bodies recovered	28	28	Suicides	100	96
False alarms of fire	172	234	Telephone messages	299,517	307,189
Fast riding motor cycles	178	92	Trips made by:		
Fast running automobiles	6,975	4,948	Bateau	4	7
Filthy alleys and gutters	104	208	Launches	680	519
Fire plugs damaged	57	22	Vessels:		
Fires attended	2,567	2,175	Assisted	16	12
Found sick on boats	10	8	Ordered to lawful anchorage	1	3
			Water mains damaged	437	557
			Water pipes damaged	538	510

Report of the chief (also property) clerk

Balance on hand June 30, 1927	$53,253.46
Delivered to owners by order of the court or upon proof of ownership	11,460.14
Delivered to owners on bond	1,260.00
Delivered to administrators	1,780.50
Disposed of in accordance with law and the orders of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:	
Sold at auction	17,126.65
Destroyed	1,464.87
Balance on hand July 1, 1928	20,161.30
Total accounted for	53,253.46

Monthly statement of the property received and disposed of during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928

Month	Delivered to owners by order of court or upon proof of ownership	Delivered to owners on bond	Delivered to administrators	Disposed of in accordance with law and the orders of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia		On hand	Total
				Auction	Destroyed		
1927							
July	$123,360.21	$7,665.00		$806.00	$16.00	$668.34	$132,515.55
August	93,616.47	9,406.70	$3,425.00	359.75	15.75	1,025.41	107,849.08
September	102,956.68	3,050.00		370.00	28.75	1,404.40	107,809.83
October	94,296.96	5,920.00	350.00	821.00	29.00	1,929.54	103,346.50
November	117,523.46	3,868.00	566.57	775.00	1.25	2,937.46	125,671.74
December	90,407.38	13,513.25	325.00			3,660.23	107,905.86
1928							
January	124,029.98	7,490.00				2,738.08	134,258.06
February	172,436.97	6,965.00	200.00			5,125.69	184,727.66
March	152,711.86	7,255.00	800.00			7,988.07	168,754.93
April	152,707.77	2,200.00	500.00			6,231.91	161,639.68
May	140,383.36	1,580.00				5,407.35	147,370.71
June	108,722.37	5,095.00				7,250.77	121,068.14
Total	1,473,153.47	74,007.95	6,166.57	3,131.75	90.75	46,367.25	1,602,917.74

Estimated value of property on hand July 1, 1927	$53,253.46
Received during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928	1,602,917.74
Total to be accounted for	1,656,171.20
Delivered to owners by order of court or upon proof of ownership	1,484,613.61
Delivered to owners on bond	75,267.95
Delivered to administrators	7,947.07
Disposed of in accordance with law and the orders of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:	
Sold at auction	20,258.40
Destroyed	1,555.62
Balance on hand July 1, 1928	66,528.55
Total accounted for	1,656,171.20

Estimated value of property delivered to the property clerk, Metropolitan police, District of Columbia, by the different precincts, detective bureau, woman's bureau, traffic bureau, and the coroner's office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928

	June 30, 1927	June 30, 1928		June 30, 1927	June 30, 1928
First precinct	$95,546.60	$139,995.24	Twelfth precinct	$44,532.69	$22,064.81
Second precinct	130,680.48	110,391.41	Thirteenth precinct	23,390.74	23,372.78
Third precinct	73,914.09	88,013.43	Fourteenth precinct	35,753.45	51,765.17
Fourth precinct	57,712.36	57,101.45	Harbor precinct	3,357.50	5,457.25
Fifth precinct	67,173.65	57,859.23	Woman's bureau	4,971.88	34,633.66
Sixth precinct	103,840.54	76,503.11	Traffic bureau	27,615.69	5,233.28
Seventh precinct	49,126.25	43,095.95	Coroner's office	816.13	889.92
Eighth precinct	76,848.42	95,983.84	Detective bureau	442,134.57	554,069.46
Ninth precinct	95,866.17	75,277.41			
Tenth precinct	101,118.65	110,485.14	Total	1,471,948.21	1,602,917.74
Eleventh precinct	37,548.35	50,725.20			

Report of sale held October 14, 1927

Proceeds of sale of automobiles		$272.50
Expenses of sale:		
Advertising	$17.55	
Commission	.54	
		18.09
Deposited with the collector of taxes, District of Columbia		254.41
Total accounted for		272.50

Report of sale held November 30 and December 9, 1927

Proceeds of sale		1,904.77
Expenses of sale:		
Advertising	$26.44	
Commission	3.05	
		29.49
Withdrawn (after sale)		70.21
Deposited with the collector of taxes, District of Columbia:		
To the credit of the police and firemen's relief fund—		
Dec. 31, 1927	$1,487.91	
Jan. 27, 1928	10.67	
Jan. 30, 1928	139.17	
		1,637.75
To the credit of escheated estates relief fund		167.32
Total accounted for		1,904.77

Report of sale held March 30, 1928

Proceeds of sale of automobiles		182.50
Expenses of sales:		
Advertising	$15.66	
Commission	.36	
		16.02
Deposited with the collector of taxes, District of Columbia		166.48
Total accounted for		182.50

Report of sale held May 17 and 18, 1928

Proceeds of sale		1,264.82
Expenses of sale:		
Advertising	$39.93	
Commission	1.82	
		41.75
Deposited with the collector of taxes, District of Columbia:		
To the credit of the police and firemen's relief fund		1,117.37
To the credit of the escheated estates relief fund		105.70
Total accounted for		1,264.82

Report of sale held June 21, 1928

Proceeds of sale of automobiles	12.00
Expenses of sale (commission)	.02
Deposited with the collector of taxes, District of Columbia	11.98
Total accounted for	12.00

Abstract of expenditures of the Metropolitan police department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriation		$60,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Composing machine (linotype) repairs and parts	$86.33	
Furniture, linens, etc	3,060.63	
Gas and electricity	8,607.95	
Laundry	610.60	
Meals for prisoners	11,361.40	
Miscellaneous (awnings, badges, brooms, batons, brushes, directories, hose, ice, kerosene, lamps, lanterns, linoleum, newspapers, photo-supplies, rewards, rent of phones, removal of ashes, screens, soaps, telephone tolls, storage, typewriters, telegrams, etc.)	12,480.91	
Prevention and detection of crime	9,573.98	
Printers supplies	284.45	
Printing, blank forms, etc	5,571.48	
Repairs to stations (miscellaneous)	3,013.60	
Revolvers, cartridges, holsters	557.61	
Stationery	2,362.29	
Unexpended balance	2,428.77	
Total		60,000.00

FUEL

Appropriation		8,500.00
Expended as follows:		
352 tons white ash stove coal	$4,562.53	
112 tons white ash furnace coal	1,450.40	
58 tons white ash egg coal	788.80	
207 tons bituminous, run-of-mine coal	1,407.60	
15 tons, bituminous, Pocahontas lump coal	99.64	
5¼ cords wood, pine	94.02	
Unexpended balance	127.01	
Total		8,500.00

HARBOR PATROL

Appropriation		2,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Gasoline, oils, lubricants	$293.61	
Machinery, furniture, repairs	728.98	
Miscellaneous (brooms, buckets, laundry, polish, soaps, etc)	33.69	
General reserve	100.00	
Unexpended balance	843.72	
Total		2,000.00

HOUSE DETENTION

Appropriation		$16,800.00
Expended as follows:		
Automobiles, repair and maintenance	$686.28	
Food and groceries	8,311.94	
Fuel	2,270.69	
Furniture, furnishings, linens	379.37	
Gas and electricity	1,036.96	
Miscellaneous (awnings, blanks, brooms, brushes, clothing, dry goods, ice, rent, removal of refuse, shoes, soaps, telephones, tools, etc.)	2,940.59	
Repairs to building, grounds (fixtures installed, etc.)	942.08	
Unexpended balance	232.09	
Total		16,800.00

PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Appropriation		55,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Automobile replacements	$22,314.18	
Casings and tubes	3,504.40	
Gasoline, oils, lubricants	10,203.07	
Miscellaneous (bulbs, paints, polish, soaps, waste, etc.)	799.17	
Motor-cycle replacements	5,000.00	
Motor-cycle repairs and parts	3,863.76	
Repairs and spare parts, automobiles	6,678.03	
Unexpended balance	2,637.39	
Total		55,000.00

UNIFORMS

Appropriation		75,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Expended	$68,009.65	
General reserve	3,750.00	
Unexpended balance	3,240.35	
Total		75,000.00

POLICE PATROL SPEED BOAT

Appropriation		6,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Expended	$5,816.66	
Unexpended balance	183.34	
Total		6,000.00

DIESEL ENGINE POLICE BOAT

Appropriation		20,000.00
Deficiency appropriation		10,000.00
Total		30,000.00
Expended as follows:		
Expended	$29,500.00	
Unexpended balance	500.00	
Total		30,000.00

Motor patrol service

MILEAGE

Quarter	Precincts														Repair shop	Traffic Bureau	Motor cycles	Headquarters	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14					
First	2,197	3,667	2,056	3,208	2,512	3,335	2,147	2,225	932	2,984	17,442	14,315	18,177	18,896	839	4,859	128,234	21,523	249,548
Second	2,261	3,258	3,300	2,291	2,482	3,145	2,419	1,840	2,105	1,525	17,883	14,604	13,932	12,840	4,089	2,557	138,943	16,776	246,250
Third	2,465	3,336	2,181	2,290	2,344	4,175	1,768	3,179	2,852	1,869	17,122	11,041	15,042	15,460	3,892	2,203	118,699	16,239	226,157
Fourth	2,247	3,620	3,031	4,003	2,632	2,576	9,004	2,075	2,859	1,492	17,884	18,124	18,669	16,200	786	3,246	144,068	22,078	274,594
Total	9,170	13,881	10,568	11,792	9,970	13,231	15,338	9,319	8,748	7,870	70,331	58,084	65,820	63,396	9,606	12,865	529,944	76,616	996,549

RUNS MADE

First	1,116	2,009	977	1,208	1,083	1,428	527	670	242	402	3,683	3,577	4,405	4,724	185	782	-------	4,583	31,601
Second	1,391	1,639	1,342	1,116	986	931	628	618	456	379	4,319	3,418	3,213	3,664	564	853	-------	3,238	28,755
Third	1,381	1,723	1,328	976	586	1,956	515	979	504	488	4,334	3,024	4,105	3,227	640	644	-------	3,190	29,601
Fourth	1,226	1,784	1,604	1,257	950	1,254	2,451	599	646	367	4,304	4,578	3,977	4,004	110	835	-------	4,613	34,559
Total	5,114	7,155	5,251	4,557	3,605	5,569	4,121	2,866	1,848	1,636	16,640	14,597	15,701	15,619	1,499	3,114	-------	15,624	124,516

Cost of maintenance of motor vehicles (automobiles)	$13,931.77
Average cost per mile	$0.0299
Average cost per run	$0.1118
Average length of each run (miles)	3.747
Mileage	466,605
Cost of maintenance of motor vehicles (motor cycles)	$11,076.66
Average cost per mile	$0.0209
Mileage	529,944

Accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus,[1] 1928	Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928		1927	1928
Assaults:															
Bitten					18	8	18	8			18	8		18	8
Firearms			17	13	81	92	98	105			98	105		98	105
Indecent			2		25	17	27	17			27	17		27	17
Knife, razor, etc			18	14	486	540	504	554			504	554		504	554
Missiles			3	2	124	104	127	106			127	106		127	106
Other weapons			4	8	350	388	354	396			354	396		354	396
Miscellaneous			3	9	352	351	355	360			355	360		355	360
Total injured							1,483	1,546							
Total casualties			47	46	1,436	1,500					1,483	1,546		1,483	1,546
Deaths:															
Homicides	41	42					41	42			41	42		41	42
Found dead, sudden deaths from natural causes	237	259					237	259			237	259		237	259
Suicides	96	100					96	100			96	100		96	100
Without medical attention	106	92					106	92			106	92		106	92
Total	480	493					480	493			480	493		480	493
Persons conveyed to hospitals, homes, or otherwise assisted:															
Alcoholism	9	9			293	284	302	293			302	293		302	293
Fits		1			187	174	187	175			187	175		187	175
Heat	2	1	2		30	17	34	18			34	18		34	18
Other illness					467	525	467	525			467	525		467	525
Total	11	11	2		977	1,000	990	1,011			990	1,011		990	1,011
Abandoned infants											6	3		6	3
Attempt suicide											229	280		229	280
Criminal operation	1	1					1	1			1	1		1	1
Inquest held											169	192		169	192
Total	1	1					1	1			405	476		405	476

Accidents:																
Baseball					11	8	11	8			11	8		11	8	
Bitten by dogs	1			1	530	488	531	489			531	489		531	489	
Burned	13	12	16	15	107	107	136	134			136	134		136	134	
Coasting					1	5	1	5			1	5		1	5	
Drowned	26	17					26	17			26	17		26	17	
Explosion	1	1			10	4	11	5			11	5		11	5	
Electric shock	5	1				1	5	2			5	2		5	2	
Elevators	4	1	4	1	9	11	17	13			17	13		17	13	
Firearms		5	3	2	32	42	35	49			35	49		35	49	
Football			1		3	2	4	2			4	2		4	2	
Gas	30	21	1	6	75	82	106	109			106	109		106	109	
Hydroplane	2	1	1		1	5	4	6			4	6		4	6	
Poison	4	2	1	1	49	35	54	38			54	38		54	38	
Miscellaneous	11	27	12	6	335	478	358	511			358	511		358	511	
Total injured							1,299	1,388			1,299	1,388		1,299	1,388	
Total casualties	97	88	39	32	1,163	1,268										
Accidents, falls:																
Down stairways	5	5		3	48	62	53	70			53	70		53	70	
Buildings, ladders, and scaffolds	9	4	6	1	43	65	58	70			58	70		58	70	
Windows	2	8	3	1	27	21	32	30			32	30		32	30	
Into river, canal etc., and rescued					9	11	9	11			9	11		9	11	
In street					82	132	82	132			82	132		82	132	
Miscellaneous	6	3	2	5	160	152	168	160			168	160		168	160	
Total injured							402	473			402	473		402	473	
Total casualties	22	20	11	10	369	443										
Accidents, bicycles, collision with:																
Cars					27	18	27	18	6	2	33	20		33	20	
Motor vehicles										1		1			1	
Other vehicles					20	14	22	15			22	15		22	15	
Struck by	2	1			1	2	1	2			1	2		1	2	
Miscellaneous							50	35								
Total injured																
Total casualties	2	1			48	34			6	3	56	38		56	38	
Total number of traffic accidents																
Accidents, motor vehicles, collision with:																
Bicycles	1	2			102	77	103	79	24	22	127	101	4	127	97	
Cars	2	1	1		67	27	70	28	150	90	220	118	6	220	112	
Motor vehicles	12	8	4		950	728	966	736	2,292	1,442	3,258	2,178	184	3,258	1,994	
Other vehicles					19	14	19	14	37	24	56	38	2	56	36	
Struck by	52	56	26		1,599	1,181	1,677	1,237			1,677	1,237	30	1,677	1,207	
Miscellaneous	4	10	9		158	210	171	220	375	220	546	440	64	546	376	
Total injured							3,006	2,314								
Total casualties	71	77	40		2,895	2,237			2,878	1,798	5,884	4,112				
Minus													290			
Total number of traffic accidents														5,884	3,822	

[1] More than 1 person injured in 1 traffic accident.

Accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus,[1] 1928	Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928		1927	1928
Assaults:															
Bitten					18	8	18	8			18	8		18	8
Firearms			17	13	81	92	98	105			98	105		98	105
Indecent			2		25	17	27	17			27	17		27	17
Knife, razor, etc			18	14	486	540	504	554			504	554		504	554
Missiles			3	2	124	104	127	106			127	106		127	106
Other weapons			4	8	350	388	354	396			354	396		354	396
Miscellaneous			3	9	352	351	355	360			355	360		355	360
Total injured							1,483	1,546							
Total casualties			47	46	1,436	1,500					1,483	1,546		1,483	1,546
Deaths:															
Homicides	41	42					41	42			41	42		41	42
Found dead, sudden deaths from natural causes	237	259					237	259			237	259		237	259
Suicides	96	100					96	100			96	100		96	100
Without medical attention	106	92					106	92			106	92		106	92
Total	480	493					480	493			480	493		480	493
Persons conveyed to hospitals, homes, or otherwise assisted:															
Alcoholism	9	9			293	284	302	293			302	293		302	293
Fits		1			187	174	187	175			187	175		187	175
Heat	2	1	2		30	17	34	18			34	18		34	18
Other illness					467	525	467	525			467	525		467	525
Total	11	11	2		977	1,000	990	1,011			990	1,011		990	1,011
Abandoned infants											6	3		6	3
Attempt suicide											229	280		229	280
Criminal operation	1	1					1	1			1	1		1	1
Inquest held											169	192		169	192
Total	1	1					1	1			405	476		405	476

Accidents:																
Baseball					11	8	11	8			11	8		11	8	
Bitten by dogs	1			1	530	488	531	489			531	489		531	489	
Burned	13	12	16	15	107	107	136	134			136	134		136	134	
Coasting					1	5	1	5			1	5		1	5	
Drowned	26	17					26	17			26	17		26	17	
Explosion	1	1			10	4	11	5			11	5		11	5	
Electric shock	5	1				1	5	2			5	2		5	2	
Elevators	4	1	4	1	9	11	17	13			17	13		17	13	
Firearms		5	3	2	32	42	35	49			35	49		35	49	
Football			1		3	2	4	2			4	2		4	2	
Gas	30	21	1	6	75	82	106	109			106	109		106	109	
Hydroplane	2	1	1		1	5	4	6			4	6		4	6	
Poison	4	2	1	1	49	35	54	38			54	38		54	38	
Miscellaneous	11	27	12	6	335	478	358	511			358	511		358	511	
Total injured							1,299	1,388			1,299	1,388		1,299	1,388	
Total casualties	97	88	39	32	1,163	1,268										
Accidents, falls:																
Down stairways	5	5		3	48	62	53	70			53	70		53	70	
Buildings, ladders, and scaffolds	9	4	6	1	43	65	58	70			58	70		58	70	
Windows	2	8	3	1	27	21	32	30			32	30		32	30	
Into river, canal etc., and rescued					9	11	9	11			9	11		9	11	
In street					82	132	82	132			82	132		82	132	
Miscellaneous	6	3	2	5	160	152	168	160			168	160		168	160	
Total injured							402	473			402	473		402	473	
Total casualties	22	20	11	10	369	443										
Accidents, bicycles, collision with:																
Cars					27	18	27	18	6	2	33	20		33	20	
Motor vehicles										1		1			1	
Other vehicles																
Struck by	2	1			20	14	22	15			22	15		22	15	
Miscellaneous					1	2	1	2			1	2		1	2	
Total injured							50	35								
Total casualties	2	1			48	34			6	3	56	38		56	38	
Total number of traffic accidents																
Accidents, motor vehicles, collision with:																
Bicycles	1	2			102	77	103	79	24	22	127	101	4	127	97	
Cars	2	1	1		67	27	70	28	150	90	220	118	6	220	112	
Motor vehicles	12	8	4		950	728	966	736	2,292	1,442	3,258	2,178	184	3,258	1,994	
Other vehicles					19	14	19	14	37	24	56	38	2	56	36	
Struck by	52	56	26		1,599	1,181	1,677	1,237			1,677	1,237	30	1,677	1,207	
Miscellaneous	4	10	9		158	210	171	220	375	220	546	440	64	546	376	
Total injured							3,006	2,314								
Total casualties	71	77	40		2,895	2,237			2,878	1,798	5,884	4,112				
Minus													290			
Total number of traffic accidents														5,884	3,822	

[1] More than 1 person injured in 1 traffic accident.

Accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928—Continued

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus, 1928	Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928		1927	1928
Accidents, street cars, collision with:															
Bicycles					2	1	2	1	1		3	1		3	1
Cars					21	9	21	9	2	2	23	11		23	11
Motor vehicles		1			80	49	80	50	225	141	305	191	18	305	173
Other vehicles					4	2	4	2	1	5	5	7		5	7
Struck by	6	9	7		69	53	82	62			82	62		82	62
Miscellaneous					2		2		2		4			4	
Total injured							191	124							
Total casualties	6	10	7		178	114			231	148	422	272			
Minus													18		
Total number of traffic accidents														422	254
Accidents, steam railways:															
Collisions									1		1			1	
Total casualties									1		1				
Total number of traffic accidents														1	
Accidents, horse-drawn vehicles, collision with:															
Bicycles					1		1				1			1	
Cars									1		1			1	
Motor vehicles					4	5	4	5	19	8	23	13		23	13
Other vehicles									1		1			1	
Struck by					3		3				3			3	
Runaway					3		3		3		6			6	
Miscellaneous					4	3	4	3	4	1	8	4		8	4
Total injured							15	8							
Total casualties					15	8			28	9	43	17			
Total number of traffic accidents														43	17

Summary:															
Assaults			47	46	1,436	1,500	1,483	1,546			1,483	1,546		1,483	1,546
Deaths, homicides, suicides, sudden deaths	480	493					480	493			480	493		480	493
Alcholism, fits, heat, and other illness	11	11	2		977	1,000	990	1,011			990	1,011		990	1,011
Miscellaneous	120	109	50	42	1,532	1,711	1,702	1,862			1,702	1,862		1,702	1,862
Total	611	613	99	88	3,945	4,211	4,655	4,912			4,655	4,912		4,655	4,912
Traffic casualties:															
Bicycles	2	1			48	34	50	35	6	3	56	38		56	38
Motor vehicles	71	77	40		2,895	2,237	3,006	2,314	2,878	1,798	5,884	4,112	290	5,884	3,822
Steam railway									1		1			1	
Street railway	6	10	7		178	114	191	124	231	148	422	272	18	422	254
Other vehicles					15	8	15	8	28	9	43	17		43	17
Total	79	88	47		3,136	2,393	3,262	2,481	3,144	1,958	6,406	4,439	308	6,406	4,131
Grand total of causalties and traffic accidents	690	701	146	88	7,081	6,604	7,917	7,393	3,144	1,958	11,061	9,351	308	11,061	9,043